

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL COMPONENT PLAN AND TRIBAL AREA SUB-PLAN
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has taken/is likely to take any steps for preparation of proper action plan by the Central Ministries and State Governments on Special Component Plan (SCP) and Tribal Area Sub-Plan (TAS) and for ensuring allocation of funds in proportion to percentage of population preventing diversion of funds and ensuring utilization of the amounts only as per requirement;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a)&(b) The Planning Commission has issued guidelines and additional guidelines for formulation, implementation and monitoring of Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) (Which was earlier Known as Special Component Plan) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) to the State/UT Governments on 31.10.2005 and Central Ministries/Departments on 13.12.2006. The Salient features of these guidelines are:

i) Earmarking of funds under SCSP/TSP at least in proportionate to SC/ST population.

ii) SCSP and TSP funds should be non divertible.

iii) Constitution of a dedicated nodal unit in Central Ministries/Departments and Nodal Department in States/UTs for formulation & implementation of SCSP/TSP.

iv) Placing the funds earmarked for SCSP/TSP under separated budget head/sub head.

(c) Does not arise.